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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

IMAMURA, YOUICHI

Examiner

Henry N. Tran

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Reissue Application***

This Reissue Application has been examined. The Preliminary Amendment received 10/1/03 has been entered. The original claims 7-24 are pending; and claims 1-6 are canceled. The examination results are as follows.

***Consent of Assignee Lacking***

1. This application is objected to under 37 CFR 1.172(a) as lacking the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent. The consent of the assignee must be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172. See MPEP § 1410.01.

A proper assent of the assignee in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172 and 3.73 is required in reply to this Office action.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The examiner has considered the documents listed in form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) received 10/1/03 (see the attached form PTO-1449).

***Priority***

3. The applicant's Request For Corrected Filing Receipt received 7/5/05 has been forward to the OIPE for further consideration.

***Specification***

4. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required because the claimed terms do not appear in the written description or the specification: "a first signal delay means" and "a first delay time" (claims 7 and 15); "a second

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signal delay means” and “a second delay time” (claims 8 and 16); and “a signal delay control unit” and “a specific delay time” (claim 24).

For the purpose of this Office action, according to the specifications and the drawings of Figs. 1-9, the examiner assumed that:

- (i) the signal delay circuit 79<sub>1</sub>, which is described in column 10, lines 36-40 and illustrated in Fig. 6, is read as “a first signal delay means” and/or “a signal delay control unit”;
- (ii) the signal delay circuit 79<sub>2</sub>, which is described in column 10, lines 36-40 and illustrated in Fig. 6 is read as “a second signal delay means”;
- (iii) the time from  $t_0$  to  $t_1$ , which is illustrated in Fig. 8, is read as “a first delay time”;
- (iv) the time from  $t_0$  to  $t_3$ , which is illustrated in Fig. 8, is read as “a second delay time” and/or “a specific delay time”.

Applicant is required to response to said assumption in reply to this Office action.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

- 5. Claims 7-24 are allowed.
- 6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a display power control system for preventing damage to the display an abnormal and/or excessive power source rush current. Each of the independent claims 7 and 15 requires a signal management control means (77) and a power source control means (78), see Figs. 5 and 6; and the independent claim 24 requires a signal delay control unit (79<sub>1</sub>) and a specific delay time ( $t_3 - t_0$ ), see Figs. 6 and 8; whereas, the closest prior art, the Inoue et al patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,952,990) and the Carter et al patent (U.S.

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Patent No. 4,980,836) disclose conventional display power control devices, either singularly or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

7. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No. 5,903,260 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

Applicant is further reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56, to timely apprise the Office of any information which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application.

These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

8. Applicant is notified that any subsequent amendment to the specification and/or claims must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). In addition, when any substantive amendment is filed in the reissue application, which amendment otherwise places the reissue application in condition for allowance, **a supplemental oath/declaration will be required.** See MPEP § 1414.01.

9. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The objections defined in items 1 and 4 recited above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry N. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-7760. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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